



## **THE ELR BLOG SUBMISSIONS POLICY**

### **1. Why the Blog?**

Law reviews are extensively researched, rigorously edited and peer-reviewed publications which provide original contributions to academic legal conversations. However, as law review contributions are typically published close to a year after the author has started writing it, they have a limited capacity to provide immediate reactions to developing situations. A blog is the opportunity for ELSA to publish shorter, focused and up-to-date pieces of legal writing that provide reactions to current legal controversies.

As an author, you are given full freedom to choose the topic and the focus of your blog submission as long as it does not contradict the ELSA's nature and aims. You are also less constrained by the strict academical style and may use the blog to share your reflections on the recent events and developments that are connected to law.

### **2. Submission Criteria**

The submissions are accepted on the ongoing basis throughout the year.

Since the blog is a part of the ELSA Law Review, the submissions are accepted in line with the existing ELR guidelines. The submissions may be sent at any time in an editable Microsoft Word format to [lawreview@elsa.org](mailto:lawreview@elsa.org).

#### **2.1. Types of Submissions**

There are no limits or restrictions on the types of submissions acceptable to the blog as long as they comply with the ELR Blog Submission Policy.<sup>1</sup>

#### **2.2. Topic**

There are no predefined topics for the legal writing that is published on the ELR Blog. The only limit imposed on the authors is the compliance with this Submission Policy and the relevant guidelines.

It is nevertheless in the discretion of the Editorial Board to assess the suitability of the content of each submission before publication.

#### **2.3. Word Count**

The blog posts **should be in the range between 1,000 and 3,500 words**. Submissions that are shorter or longer than the indicated word count could be considered for publication if they are

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<sup>1</sup> This means that the author may decide on the type of their submission and is not restricted to choose only between an article, a case note or a letter to the editor.



deemed to be of outstanding quality and contribution to the ongoing legal debate relevant to the topic touched upon by the author.

#### 2.4. Referencing

As posts published on the ELR Blog constitute “legal writing published by the ELSA Law Review”, the [ELR Plagiarism Policy](#) applies to such submissions.

All sources relied upon must be cited. The Oxford University Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities ([OSCOLA](#)) is the citation style of the ELSA Law Review.

Sources should be cited using [endnotes](#).

#### 2.5. Language and Style

All posts submitted should be in compliance with the [ELR Language Manual](#).

In addition, authors are specifically directed to take note of the following rules:

- Garamond font for all text.
- 12 pt. font size for the main body of text.
- Titles should be laid out as follows:
  - **Title 1 – (14 pt.)**
  - **Title 1.1 – (12 pt.)**
  - *Title 1.1.1 – (12 pt.)*
- The submissions should be accompanied by a short author’s biography and an abstract.
  - The biography should be of no fewer than 40 words and not exceeding 100 words.
  - The biography should be written in a sentence form and in third person.
  - The abstract should consist of a maximum 10% of the length of the submission.

### 3. Editorial Standards

Posts published on the ELR Blog are peer-reviewed and selected by the Editorial Board of the ELSA Law Review. The Editorial Board reserves the right to reject the submissions that do not meet the publication standards.

